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Kate Leth and Matt Cummings, co-creators of Power Up, pose at Strange Adventures in downtown Halifax with the first book of their series, which is out Wednesday. For more, see [metroNEWS](#). ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

No parking for retailers

DEVELOPMENT

Group wants to keep American Eagle, the Bay out of Burnside



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Allowing retail businesses to expand into Halifax's industrial parks "is draining the lifeblood out of our downtowns and main streets," according to one planning advocacy group.

Tristan Cleveland of Our HRM Alliance said Tuesday that's why HRM needs clear, immediate policies in place to ensure that recent flexibility granted by city council to allow for more commercial developments in a section of Burnside Park does not result in greater sprawl.

The policy changes, approved by regional council following a

public hearing, deal with a site between Dartmouth Crossing to north of Akerley Boulevard, known as the Burnside Business Park Expansion Area.

Amendments were sought after a business seeking to build retail development was refused a permit, according to a report.

The report says the site was zoned last year to allow only for "light industrial" use with office and retail spaces permitted on an accessory basis.

After Tuesday's hearing, Cleveland explained he's not outright opposed to amending the policy, insofar as it only allows for industrial or manufacturing-type businesses.

"Our business parks are not for your American Eagles, for your Bays," he said, adding retail developments should be restricted to downtown areas to ensure residential growth happens near "walkable, transit-orientated" main streets.

Councillors Wayne Mason and Jennifer Watts both voted against the amendments.



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HOMELESSNESS

City council backs housing programs

The question of should Halifax Regional Municipality be fiscally responsible for housing and homelessness initiatives was a topic of lengthy debate at city hall Tuesday.

City staff recommended the municipality honour its previous partnership made with the United Way and contribute \$25,000 in funds to its Housing First program — a project that aims to bring some of the city's most vulnerable off the streets and into special housing, giving them access to a network of support workers.

Funding could be renewed annually until 2019, and would cover the cost of the program's assessment and evaluation, according to a report.

Although Coun. Stephen Adams — the only councillor who voted against the motion — said homelessness is a widespread issue facing all residents in the city, he said housing is “beyond the mandate of what

this council does.”

He explained the city is accountable for providing many other municipal services, such as snow removal and garbage collection, but “housing is not one of them.”

However, other councillors argued such support reflects the municipality's moral obligation to its residents and council eventually voted to fund the initiative.

But not before Mayor Mike Savage also espoused his support for the partnership.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



They're citizens and they live in our community and we have a responsibility to help them.

Mayor Mike Savage

PAINTING

Municipal services ‘gone off the rails’

Councillors sounded off against what some deemed to be the municipality's worst year on record for service delivery Tuesday.

Initial discussions began with Coun. Steve Craig's request for a staff report, which council approved, exploring the policies and procedures around line painting on streets that result in maintenance only being done on a yearly basis, citing safety as a primary concern.

Coun. Brad Johns said faded lines are only one of the many issues, from garbage collection to grass, that frustrated residents have brought to him.

“Not only do people hate paying taxes, but the one thing people hate more than paying taxes is paying taxes and not getting services.”

“Here we are, into almost the middle of summer and we still have streets that don't have painted lines,” he said, adding that in the past six to eight months services seem to have “gone off the rails.”

Coun. Linda Mosher also said Tuesday this is the worst year that she has seen, with city staff in traffic services and public works simply “making excuses.”

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



Pedestrians walk by The Trillium Condos building on South Park Street in Halifax on Tuesday. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

City debates special tax rate for condos

REPORT

Council to explore capped assessment program



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The city plans to examine Nova Scotia's capped assessment program in hopes of finding a more equitable solution to the current disparity in taxes facing property owners in Halifax.

On Tuesday, regional council debated a new report looking at condominium assessments

and potential tax incentives for density, which included introducing a special tax rate for condos.

The report detailed why condos are assessed at a significantly higher value than apartment buildings, which some condo owners argued resulted in unfair property taxes since it costs the city more to service homes on residential streets, than units contained in one building.

However, Bruce Fisher, the city's acting chief financial officer, explained property taxes are a wealth-, not service-based, tax.

Fisher also told Tuesday's council meeting that rejigging the tax structure to better accommodate condo owners would inevitably shift the tax



We know that assessment is not perfect; it's the only thing we have.

Coun. Gloria McCluskey

burden onto other homeowners, which is a main reason why city staff, despite acknowledging problems with the current tax system, did not recommend changes for next year's budget.

Yet, keeping with the status quo did not sit well with most councillors.

Although they OK'd staff's recommendation, city council also voted to schedule a special

meeting at a later date to discuss what's pegged as the seeming root of the problem: The capped assessment program.

“I think the cap is holding us back from making decisions to get fairness back into the system,” Coun. Steve Craig said.

He explained the program — initially introduced by the province to protect homeowners, particularly seniors, from soaring property taxes — while well-intentioned “has really put the cuffs on us.”

Rather than placing a cap, set by the Consumer Price Index, only on some properties, he suggested lifting it so all property taxes could be priced on market-based assessments, then offering individual relief as required.

IN BRIEF

HRM seeks feedback on former Saint Pat's school site

Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to participate in a discussion about the future design of 6067 Quinpool Rd.

The site was once home to the Quinpool Learning Centre and Saint Patrick's High School, but was declared surplus property by regional

council last year. Now, the land is being prepared for sale and development.

HRM is seeking feedback on three preliminary designs put forward by project consultants. Community members are welcome to attend the public meeting at the Halifax Forum on Wednesday, starting at 6:30 p.m.

REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

NEW HOMEOWNERS

Report requested for proposed tax breaks



Coun. Wayne Mason METRO FILE

Giving a five-year tax break to new homeowners is one idea a city councillor believes is worth exploring in terms of encouraging density throughout Halifax.

On Tuesday, Coun. Wayne Mason requested the report, which regional council approved, during a lengthy debate on condominium assessments

and creating new tax incentives for density.

The proposed tax break was listed as one of eight options for the city to consider as an idea.

City staff recommended the program, which is currently offered to new homeowners in Regina, Sask. The report also references a similar program in Saskatoon, where the city

partners with local developers to provide a five per cent down-payment for new buyers.

“We keep hearing all the time, especially on the peninsula and downtown Dartmouth, that people are being priced out of the market who want to stay here, who are renting and can't buy,” Mason explained afterwards. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

IN BRIEF

Man, 67, dies after kayak tips over in Wreck Cove

A 67-year-old man died Tuesday after his kayak tipped over in Wreck Cove in the Lower Prospect area, just outside of Halifax.

Const. Mark Skinner of the RCMP said the man was unable to get back into his kayak after it tipped, and became unconscious as the kayakers he was with tried to help him get back in.

"They pulled the man from the water, and they were performing CPR," said Skinner.

The RCMP arrived at the scene at 2 p.m., while Halifax fire crews were also called to the scene to help assist. Police say an autopsy will be performed to determine the official cause of death. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Group of eight robs three youths near school

Police are investigating a robbery that took place just after midnight on Tuesday in Cole Harbour.

The RCMP say three youths were walking on a trail behind Colby Drive Elementary School when a group of eight male individuals approached them in the playground area of the school.

Two of the group ordered the youths to empty their pockets. During the robbery, a weapon believed to be a pellet gun was allegedly pointed at the victims by one of the suspects.

The suspects allegedly stole an iPhone charger, a debit card and wallets. All eight suspects left the scene and walked toward Cumberland Drive.

Police say the suspect with the pellet gun is described as white and around age 17, with spiked blond hair, five foot eight. He was wearing a black Adidas track suit. METRO



Camper Austin Tanner, 9, dribbles past Jenaiya Fraser, 11, on Tuesday, during the Sports Pals soccer camp at Dalhousie University. The camp is intended to create bonds between Halifax-area youth and local law enforcement. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

'Community policing at its best': Constable

SPORTS PALS

Soccer camp familiarizes children with local officers



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

A group of 10 Halifax police officers traded their boots for cleats, and their badges for soccer balls Tuesday for the fifth annual Sports Pals soccer camp.

The camp brought more than 30 kids from all over the

municipality to Dalhousie University Tuesday for a one-day soccer camp, put on by the university and Halifax police.

Const. Dwight Hennigar — who came up with the idea for the camp — said it provides kids with a chance "to see police officers in a different light."

"We're not pulling up in a cruiser with our uniforms on," he said. "They just see us, maybe, as their equal. We're wearing the same shirts; we play the same games. We're all having fun."

Community response officers picked the kids — all between the ages of eight and 12 — from Boys and Girls Clubs, community centres and schools



Once you've made that contact, aside from your uniform, I think it does have a lasting impact.

Const. Dwight Hennigar

in the three Halifax police divisions.

The day started off with some soccer clinics, then they all played casual games like World Cup before eating lunch in one of Dalhousie University's cafeterias, and heading to Dalplex to cool off with a swim.

Dalhousie men's soccer coach Pat Nearing was impressed by the talent on the field Tuesday.

"There's a lot of kids that are pretty good soccer players," said Nearing, who runs the camp. "It's a good chance for them to come and show a few of those skills, as well."

Const. Phil Aptt, one of the officers at the camp, said it's an opportunity for kids who might not usually have a chance to show off those skills.

"Lots of these kids — they like to play the sports, but they may not be able to pay for a soccer ball or sneakers," he said.

Hennigar called it "community policing at its best."

UNSOLVED CRIMES

Police seek clues in 2000 death

Halifax police say they are confident there are people with information that could lead to arrests connected to the murder of Tyrone Layton Oliver.

Fifteen years ago on July 20, the 20-year-old Oliver died after being shot multiple times.

Officers responded to a report of several gunshots in the 2400 block of Creighton Street.

They found Oliver, who had multiple wounds, on a basketball court.

He was transported to hospital where he died later that night.

According to a media release, police also responded to two stabbings and an assault around the same time and in the same area as the homicide. They believe all four incidents are related.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Sgt. Pierre Bourdages said on Tuesday there haven't been any recent developments in the investigation — but with the public's help, there could be.

"Given what we know (and) what has been gathered in the last 15 years, we do believe there are people who have information about what happened there, but these people have yet to speak with police," he said.

Police ask that anyone with information about this homicide case contact Halifax Regional Police or Crime Stoppers.

This case is part of the Nova Scotia Department of Justice Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes Programs.

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Private sector may get call to run public registries

POLITICS

Province looks to offload costs of upgrades

The Nova Scotia government is looking at offloading the costs of upgrading its registry services for motor vehicles, land and businesses by partnering with the private sector.

A call will be put out later this summer for input from companies interested in running the public registries and modernizing the associated technology.

"If we want to position ourselves financially so that we can continue to invest in those core services that Nova Scotians have told us are important to them — health care and education — these are the types of things that we have to consider," Service Nova Scotia Minister Mark Furey said Tuesday.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Nova Scotia Land Registry and the Registry of Joint Stock Companies are due for upgrades worth about \$30 million in total.

The majority of that cost is needed to overhaul the Registry of Motor Vehicles in the next four to five years.

The registries earn about \$120 million annually and cost a fraction of that to run — between \$30 million and \$35 million a year.

But Furey said the government could avoid future capital costs and redirect that money elsewhere if the private sector took over.

"Our effort here is specifically in the area of cost-avoid-



Access Nova Scotia in Bayers Lake is shown in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

\$5 million

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the companies would provide registry services while the government would be responsible for regulation, setting fees and maintaining ownership of the data.

The companies would collect user fees and pay some sort of royalty to the government.

He was adamant the registries would not be privatized like Nova Scotia Power, but the head of the province's largest public sector union said Nova

ance, recognizing there are alternate options of service delivery available," he said.

If approved in Nova Scotia,

This government should just put a 'for sale' sign on the whole province.

Joan Jessome, president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union

Scotians should be wary.

Joan Jessome, president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, said taxpayers expect the government to invest in public services

and remain accountable.

"When you put another player into the mix — you can call him whatever you want to call him — it's still privatizing a public service," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT Hearing set for triple murder

The lawyer for a man charged in the deaths of three people in a house fire in the Halifax area says his client is slated to return to court early next year for a preliminary hearing.

Malcolm Jeffcock says his client, Codey Reginald Hennigar of Wyse Corner will return to provincial court in Dartmouth on Jan. 8.

Hennigar was charged with three counts of second-degree murder after the remains of three people were discovered on Jan. 7, 2015.

The remains of 81-year-old Clifford William Ward, 74-year-old Ida Raye Ward and 54-year-old Mildred Ann Ward were found in a rural home about 25 kilometres northeast of Halifax's airport.

Police haven't discussed the relationships between the deceased and the accused, citing the federal Privacy Act.

Hennigar has also been charged with assault with a weapon and flight from police.

He was taken into custody early on Jan. 8 after someone rammed two police vehicles with a car in the Milford area, about a 30-minute drive from the scene of the blaze on Old Guysborough Road in Wyse Corner.

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Codey Reginald Hennigar.

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TECHNOLOGY

Nova Scotia and British Columbia partner on tidal energy development

Nova Scotia and British Columbia are partnering to develop tidal energy on Canada's Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

A memorandum of understanding, signed by representatives from both provinces Tuesday at the Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference in Halifax, says the provinces will share research and technology related to tidal energy.

The agreement says a council of senior government officials will be formed to bring together

public and private-sector stakeholders to move forward with the memorandum and to ensure there is consistent regulatory framework across Canada.

It also says the two provinces will share best practices in regulations and permitting.

A news release from the Nova Scotia government says the memorandum represents a commitment from both provinces to further develop the tidal resources in the Bay of Fundy and wave-generated energy on

British Columbia's west coast.

"The work that we have been doing with tidal power is something that we expect is going to be of interest to jurisdictions all over the world," said Nova Scotia Energy Minister Michel Samson said at the meeting's closing news conference.

"Signing the MOU with British Columbia gives us the opportunity to share information collection ... so that we can learn from each other."

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+ BACKGROUND

On Monday, it was announced that \$1.43 million in research grants were given to groups in Nova Scotia, B.C. and the United Kingdom, who will work together to better understand the effect tidal technology has on the marine environment and vice versa.

DOCTORS

Donation to IWK leads to fellowship

Thanks to a donation of \$360,000 to the IWK Foundation, the hospital has taken on Dr. Ashley Globa for specialty training in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology.

Wendy Black of Chester made the six-figure donation, says the IWK. Black was present along with Globa's friends to celebrate the announcement on Tuesday.

Hospital spokeswoman Kelly Duggan says the Wendy Black Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplant will help Globa

further her career.

Globa hails from Winnipeg. She completed both her undergraduate degree in microbiology and her medical degree at the University of Manitoba. She completed her Pediatric Residency at the Winnipeg Children's Hospital.

In the release, Globa said the fellowship will expose her to clinical teaching and research opportunities, benefiting her education and future work.

REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

Nova Scotia's comic adventure

ENTERTAINMENT

Dynamic duo powers up shop shelves with six-issue series



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

A new comic book hits shelves today featuring an unlikely four-some, and it was created by a pair of Nova Scotians with a penchant for comic book success.

"Power Up is about three people and a goldfish who get these sort of crazy magical abilities that aren't meant for them," Halifax-based writer Kate Leth said Tuesday.

"None of them are people that would typically choose a leadership role, or to be a superhero," she said.

Leth teamed up with Matt Cummings — a friend and comic book artist from Wolfville — to create the new six-part series.

The pair met online, and after discovering they lived within a few hours of each other, decided to collaborate, and conceived Power Up together.

Leth has garnered something of an Internet fandom based on her online Kate or Die comics, and wrote the New York Times bestselling graphic novel Adventure Time: Seeing Red.

Cummings has also worked on the Adventure Time comic series as an illustrator.

The duo previously collaborated on another comic book series called Bravest Warriors.

The pair created the world and its characters together. Leth crafts the story, and Cummings draws the pictures, but they're constantly bouncing ideas off of one another.

Leth likens their creative process to a writers' room on

+ STORE SIGNING

Strange Adventures hosts Power Up series launch

The co-creators will be signing copies of the first edition of Power Up during the comic's official launch at Strange Adventures on Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

a TV show.

"When you have multiple voices contributing to something, there's more chance that someone will find a problem with something, or see a way that something could work better," she said. "When you do everything yourself, you're in kind of a little bubble."

Leth has been penning comics for about five years, after discovering a love for the craft while working at Strange Adventures in downtown Halifax.

She said the comic book industry is a "great place to be."

"In a time when print is dying, comic books are still doing really well and comic book shops are still doing really well," she said.



Kate Leth and Matt Cummings, co-creators of Power Up, take a peek inside the first book of their six-part series, released today. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

“Power Up is about three people and a goldfish who get these sort of crazy magical abilities.”

Kate Leth, writer and co-creator of Power Up

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COLE HARBOUR

Teens charged in attempted break-in

Three teenage boys are facing a slew of charges after police allegedly caught them breaking into a Cole Harbour home.

The Mounties responded at about 6 a.m. to a Lakeshire Crescent residence, where they found the trio on the front lawn.

They arrested one suspect on site, apprehended the second after a quick foot pursuit and tracked down the third in a wooded area with the help of a police dog, a RCMP news release issued Tuesday afternoon said.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspects had attempted to gain entry to the residence but were unsuccessful," the news release said.

A 16-year-old Dartmouth boy has been charged with possessing a weapon dangerous to the public, possessing a concealed weapon, possess-

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All three teens have been released from custody on conditions pending future court appearances.

ing stolen property, resisting arrest, failing to comply with an undertaking and breaching probation.

Additionally, one 17-year-old Cole Harbour boy was charged with mischief, possessing property obtained by crime and failing to comply with an undertaking.

Another 17-year-old Cole Harbour boy was charged with possessing a weapon dangerous to the public, possessing a prohibited weapon, possessing a concealed weapon and resisting arrest.

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THEFT

Copper wire stolen from utility site

The Mounties are trying to find out who stole copper wire from the Nova Scotia Power compound early Monday in Lakeside.

Police officers responded at about 7 a.m. to the theft inside the Lakeside Industrial Park, which was accessed by cutting through a chain-link fence some time overnight, a news release issued Tuesday

by Halifax RCMP said.

"Once inside the yard, suspects forced their way into secure storage containers on two company trucks and stole several coils of ... gauge copper wire," the release said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Tantalion RCMP at 902-826-3100 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477. METRO



One of the two goats that was shot and killed while sleeping. CONTRIBUTED/YARMOUTH VANGUARD

Four goats shot, two killed, as they slept

YARMOUTH COUNTY

Case being investigated as animal cruelty

Jud Nickerson is reliving the pain he experienced one year ago when someone killed his 14-month-old goat in Glenwood with a pellet gun. Only this time it's worse.

On Saturday, four of his five goats were shot at close range with a .22 rifle while they were sleeping.

A buck and a large doe, which was still nursing her



This is not a random act of violence.

Jud Nickerson

two-month-old kid, died. Two of the surviving goats were wounded: one in the neck and another in the stomach. One goat escaped unscathed.

Nickerson found a shell and a bullet on the ground less than eight feet from where the goats had bedded down for the night in

an open shelter.

"They (the shooter) must have been fumbling around, reloading. There was another bullet in the hay. I dug one out of the back wall," he said.

Nickerson farms his goats for milk and meat, but also has a close attachment to the gentle, inquisitive animals.

"Every day I pat those goats," he said.

"It's not like it's a herd of cows where you go out and dump hay in the field."

He's nursing the goat with the belly wound at home but took Meggie, the doe with the neck wound, to the East

Pubnico breeder he bought her from: Barry Goodwin.

Nickerson calls several times each day to see how she's doing.

A small bullet hole is evident on one side of Meggie's neck. The exit wound on the other side is a swollen, raw slash with ragged edges. There's still the danger of infection.

"She's one lucky goat to even be alive," said Goodwin.

Cpl. Mark Hustins with the Yarmouth County detachment says the RCMP are looking into the case.

YARMOUTH VANGUARD

IN MEMORIAM

Canadian poker star victim of Nova Scotia plane crash

Described as one of the most recognizable faces on the Canadian poker circuit, Norman Overdijk is being remembered by players across the country.

The 54-year-old Middle River resident died Saturday after the ultralight plane he was piloting crashed into a barn on West Side Middle River Road. A 26-year-old passenger was transported to hospital in Halifax by LifeFlight.

Anthony Charter, a contributor to PokerNews Canada, posted an article Sunday remembering Overdijk.

"If you've played poker in any main event in Canada, Overdijk may have been at your table," he wrote. "From



Norman Overdijk CONTRIBUTED

Halifax, N.S., to Richmond, B.C., the 54-year-old Overdijk travelled coast to coast playing Canada's biggest tournaments."

When reached by phone in Halifax this week, Charter said Overdijk was well known and liked by poker

players across the country.

"He was always the most friendly person at the table. Even if you weren't sitting at his table, you knew he was in the room because if he wasn't in a hand, he'd be up walking around to chat. He knew everybody," he said. "He was generally the loudest person in the room, in a good way."

An accomplished player, Overdijk was named Canadian Poker Tour player of the year in 2011, which led to him being featured on the cover of Canadian Poker Player magazine that year.

"He was definitely successful and he played in a lot of tournaments," said Charter.

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Actor portrayals.



RCMP deputy commissioner Mike Cabana waits to appear at the Senate national security committee to discuss the Anti-terrorism Act in Ottawa on April 20. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CSIS spies could hinder Mounties

C-51 New legislation could impact investigations abroad

The RCMP is concerned that new anti-terrorism legislation might hurt — not help — its security efforts in overseas hot spots, internal notes say.

The Mounties worry the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's new powers to disrupt threats "could inadvertently jeopardize existing relationships" the Mounties have fostered, if authorities discover what CSIS is doing, the RCMP briefing notes warn.

There will be additional pressure on the Mounties to co-ordinate with the spy service so that criminal investigations are not "negatively affected," add the notes, prepared for RCMP

deputy commissioner Mike Cabana's appearance at a Senate committee.

The Canadian Press used the Access to Information Act to obtain the detailed documents, drafted in advance of Cabana's April 20 testimony on the government's sweeping security bill, known as C-51.

The bill, which has since become law, explicitly empowers CSIS to thwart security threats — going well beyond its traditional information-gathering role — by meddling with extremist websites, diverting illicit shipments or engaging in myriad other schemes.

The newly disclosed notes underscore the need for a federal security czar to oversee and direct the anti-terrorism activities of Canadian agencies that might otherwise trip over one another, said University of Ottawa law professor Craig Forcese.

"What we've done with C-51

is we've enhanced the prospect of traffic collisions and road carnage without putting in place the traffic-light system."

National security investigations, especially ones with international dimensions, are complex and challenging for all parties, requiring thoughtful collaboration, said CSIS spokeswoman Tahera Muffi.

"The Service has always understood, respected and supported the distinct but complementary mandates of our various partners, and is working closely with the RCMP on this aspect of our relationship."

The Mounties have liaison officers in Turkey, Kenya and Pakistan — among other places — that are pursuing criminal investigations of Canadians who have travelled to take part in terrorist activities in Afghanistan, Somalia and Syria, the internal notes point out.

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IN BRIEF

Robertson energized by Vatican conference

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson says he'll return from a two-day climate conference at the Vatican ready to push the federal government to adopt bold targets for carbon reduction.

Robertson is the only Canadian among 60 global mayors gathered in Rome to promote Pope Francis' environmental encyclical, which denounced the fossil fuel-based world economy that exploits the poor and destroys the Earth.

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HEALTH

Majority of toddlers vaccinated: Study

Statistics Canada says a high percentage of two-year-old kids have been vaccinated against a variety of childhood diseases and most parents believe such shots are important.

The 2013 Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey found 89 per cent of two-year-old children had received the recommended number of immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.

Coverage for polio among two-year-old kids was 91 per cent,

while 73 per cent had been vaccinated against chickenpox.

The survey also collected data on immunization against the human papilloma virus for girls aged 12 to 14 and 17. The HPV vaccination rate was 72 per cent for girls 12 to 14, and 64 per cent for 17-year-old girls.

But the survey of parents and guardians also found a small proportion of Canadian children — 1.5 per cent — had never received immunizations of any kind.

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World mayors support Pope

CLIMATE CHANGE

Vancouver's mayor is only Canadian at Vatican talks

Dozens of mayors from around the world, including Vancouver, demanded Tuesday that their national leaders take bold steps at the Paris climate talks this year, saying that could be the last chance to keep the Earth's warming at levels still safe for humanity.

One by one, some of the 60 mayors invited to a two-day Vatican conference lined up to sign a final declaration stating that "human-induced climate change is a scientific reality and its effective control is a moral imperative for humanity."

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, the only Canadian mayor who is part of the gathering, signed the declaration.

The mayors were aiming to keep the pressure on world leaders ahead of the Paris negotiations in December. Pope Francis last month released an environmental encyclical that denounced what he calls a fossil fuel-based world economy that exploits the poor and destroys the Earth.

Francis told the gathering Tuesday that he had "a lot of hope" that the Paris negotiations would succeed, but also told the mayors: "You are the conscience of humanity."

Experts have long said that cities are key to reducing global warming since urban areas account for nearly three-quarters of human emissions. Mayor after mayor made an individ-



Pope Francis delivers his speech in the Synod Hall at the Vatican on Tuesday. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ DECLARATION

Financial incentives call

The conference's final declaration calls for financial incentives to transition economies from using fossil fuels to low-carbon and renewable energies and to shift public financing away from the military to "urgent investments" in sustainable development, with wealthy countries helping poorer ones.

ual plea Tuesday at the conference for the world to change its ways.

Drawing rousing applause, California Gov. Jerry Brown denounced global warming deniers who he said are "bamboozling" the public and politicians with false information to persuade them that the world isn't getting warmer.

Brown, a former Jesuit seminarian, urged the mayors not to be complacent in opposing

climate deniers. California has enacted the toughest greenhouse gas emissions standards in North America.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced new greenhouse gas emissions targets for the Big Apple — committing the city to reducing its emissions 40 per cent by 2030 — and urged other cities to follow suit.

Robertson, the Vancouver mayor, called Blasio and Brown's speeches "powerful addresses" in a tweet sent early Tuesday, adding that California and New York City were demonstrating "crucial climate leadership." He also tweeted: "Honoured to sign joint declaration for climate action with Pontifex + global mayors."

The climax of Tuesday's inaugural session was the afternoon audience with Francis, who has become a hero to the environmental movement and has used his moral authority and enormous popularity to focus world attention on climate change and its effects on the poor.

Francis' other main priority has been to raise awareness about human trafficking. The Vatican conference is aimed at showing how both are related: The exploitation of the Earth and its most vulnerable people, with global warming often responsible for creating "environmental refugees" forced to flee homes because of drought or other climate-induced natural disasters.

Francis told the gathering that while he had high hopes about the Paris climate negotiations, he also wanted the United Nations to focus more on human trafficking.

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BURUNDI

Blasts keep voters home as polls close

Gunfire and explosions kept turnout low Tuesday in Burundi's presidential election, with three killed in unrest over President Pierre Nkurunziza's bid for a third term that his opponents say is unconstitutional.

Turnout was low in the capital, Bujumbura, and one province but 16 other provinces had a good level of voters, said the head of Burundi's electoral commission Claver Ndayicariye.

With some of the opposition boycotting the election

and others charging that they were not allowed to campaign, Nkurunziza, 51, is not facing a strong electoral challenge.

Burundi has been rocked by unrest since April when the ruling party announced Nkurunziza would run for a third term. More than 100 people have died in street protests. The strife triggered an attempted military coup in mid-May that was quickly put down by pro-Nkurunziza forces.

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IN BRIEF

Volcano rumbling to life

The Alaska Volcano Observatory says underground activity is increasing at Cleveland Volcano in the Aleutians Islands. The observatory recorded an explosion at the volcano at 8:17 a.m. Tuesday, but no ash has been detected. Ash above 20,000 feet would threaten trans-Pacific flights. The volcano is located on an uninhabited island 1,513 kilometres southwest of Anchorage. Its last significant eruption was in 2001. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jamaica to shut 18 schools

Jamaica will close 18 small public schools by September. Education Minister Ronald Thwaites told Parliament on Tuesday that the closures are intended to achieve greater levels of efficiencies in the school system. The schools all have small student bodies, ranging from 16 to 68 pupils, and most have had declining enrolments over the last five years. They also perform below the national average on standardized tests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Trump backers jam rival's phone line

Donald Trump pushed back harder Tuesday against Republicans fed up with his provocations, disclosing one rival presidential candidate's mobile number in a fiery speech that escalated his feuding with his own party. Fellow Republican presidential contender Sen. Lindsey Graham, whose phone number Trump read to an audience, called him a "jackass," only to see floods of Trump supporters jam his phone line. Trump is now at odds with

much of the Republican establishment after a series of incendiary comments, topped by his mocking of Sen. John McCain's experience as a tortured prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Since then the real estate developer and reality TV host has intensified his criticism of McCain and his record on veterans issues in the Senate even as politicians from both parties and veterans groups have rushed to McCain's defence.

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Toshiba Corp. CEO Hisao Tanaka announces his resignation in Tokyo, Tuesday. SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toshiba's chief quits

JAPAN

Eight others also resign over doctored accounts

Toshiba's CEO and eight other executives resigned Tuesday to take responsibility for doctored books that inflated profits at the Japanese technology manufacturer by 152 billion yen (\$1.2 billion US) over several years.

Toshiba Corp. acknowledged a systematic coverup, which began in 2008. Various parts of the Japanese company's sprawling business including computer chips and personal computers were struggling financially, but top managers set unrealistic earnings targets under the banner of "challenge," and subordinates faked results.

On top of its struggles in electronics, Tokyo-based Toshiba's prospects in nuclear power,

one of its core businesses, were shaken after the 2011 Fukushima disaster set off public fears about reactor safety, making new nuclear plants unlikely in Japan. All 48 of the nation's working reactors are now of fline.

Bowing deeply before flashing cameras at a news conference, CEO Hisao Tanaka kept his head lowered for nearly half a minute in a gesture meant to convey deep shame and contrition. Tanaka's predecessors, Norio Sasaki, now a vice chairman, and Atsutoshi Nishida, an adviser, also gave up their posts along with six other executives.

The company said that the fraud continued through the fiscal year that ended in March, and work on revising the accounts to show the complete and true financial picture is not yet finished. It promised an emergency stockholder meeting for September, where it plans to deliver a genuine financial report.

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EARNINGS

Apple reports strong iPhone sales

Apple's latest financial report shows the iPhone is still the key engine of the company's success. But the impact of its newest product, the Apple Watch, isn't clear.

The tech giant turned in another strong performance Tuesday, thanks to sales of its smartphone. Apple said Tuesday that it sold more than 47.5 million iPhones during the three months ending in June, or 35 per cent more than a year ago.

Apple was less forthcoming about the watch, which some analysts and investors see as an important indicator of the company's ability to produce successful new products. Top executives stood by their decision not to release sales figures for the sleek new smartwatch, saying the information could be used by competitors.

In one tantalizing clue, Apple reported \$2.6 billion US in revenue from the segment that

includes the watch and several other products, or about \$952 million US more than the previous quarter, when the watch had not yet gone on sale. That's significantly less than the \$1.8 billion US in watch sales that analysts surveyed by FactSet were expecting.

Apple's stock fell nearly six per cent in late trading, indicating investors weren't satisfied with the report. Apple also forecast that revenue for the quarter

ending in September will fall between \$49 billion and \$51 billion, indicating total sales could fall below Wall Street estimates of \$50.8 billion.

Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri said revenue from the watch amounted to "well over" that \$952 million increase. He said the category also includes revenue from iPods and accessories, which saw declining sales in the quarter.

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IN BRIEF

BlackBerry laying off staff

BlackBerry Ltd. is cutting more jobs as it deals with weak smartphone sales and pushes ahead with a turnaround plan. The Waterloo, Ont.-based company said that some employees were shifted to different roles while others were laid off.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The real faux pas is littering, and it's not like fixing that is tough

The Cadboro Bay beachcombers are basking in a few minutes of fame: my parents have circulated among their four children an online video they star in.

It's only a minute long but it says a lot about Mum and Dad. "Stewards of Cadboro Bay," it's called, and it was shot by a man who, like my parents, visits the Victoria beach in the quiet early mornings, long after the teenage parties have left and long before the small children show up.

The man noticed that as my parents walk the dog, they pick up litter. One morning, at about 6.30 a.m., he asked if he could interview them.

"He just said, 'I'm collecting stories of people who've been involved in making our world a little bit better,'" Dad tells me. The video was posted to a website called Mobilizing Hope. In simple terms, with sleepy eyes, my parents recount their Good Samaritan routine.

They've been doing it for as long as I can remember: at parks, schoolyards and parking lots. Mum remembers TV ads when she was a little girl claiming that "every litter bit hurts." "I think I've pretty well always been a garbage picker-upper," she says.

"Your dad has taken it to another level," Mum adds. They toss the garbage, bring the recyclables home ("Not so much the cardboard pizza

boxes") and donate anything with a deposit value to homeless people.

The routine has its perks. Mum once came home with a pineapple. ("It was delicious.")

They now own a dress-up wig with purple streaks. My dad's found the odd full beer.

"I found a pair of short white rubber boots; I'm keeping those."

If something has been lying around for a few weeks and no one's claimed it, my parents might.

"Like the towel the dog's lying on right now," Mum notes. "The rubber boots were there for three months, left with a bunch of other garbage."

The clothing gets donated to charity shops, the student wallets returned to the university's lost-and-found office.

For a long time, I found it all mortifying. I hated when they picked up garbage around my friends. I would have died before admitting they'd eaten a pineapple off the beach.

As if cleaning up were a faux pas. And yet, so few do it.

"I don't know why that is," Mum says.

Neither do I. Maybe we're afraid of germs. Maybe we think it's not our job to clean up after other people. But the real faux pas is littering, and it's not like fixing that problem is a tough one.

You might even luck into a pineapple.

the big question

Do people get more prejudiced with age?

"They're from a different time" is the oft-repeated excuse for a racist grandma or an elderly neighbour who throws slurs around without a second thought. And it's true — standards of polite conversation have changed. But that doesn't explain why, for instance, Atticus Finch, the crusading hero of Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird, is revealed as cranky and racist in his older age in the newly published Go Set a Watchman. Now, researchers at the University of Queensland may have an explanation for why Atticus and so many others become intolerant as they get older: a change in the frontal lobes, the first part of the brain to start winding down as we age. This atrophy doesn't affect intelligence but does reduce our ability to inhibit irrelevant or inappropriate thoughts. That could be why seniors often struggle to find the right word — and why they tend to voice the kinds of thoughts that would have had their younger selves zipping their lips. SOURCE:BBC

I love the Stampede, but 4 deaths? Unacceptable



Samantha Emann
Metro | Toronto

Years ago, my family owned a standardbred horse named J N Buckshot. Better known as "Bucky," he was beautiful to watch and work with. One day, we stood at the fence at Georgian Downs, north of Toronto, to watch a race that we were pretty sure was going to end with his first win.

But early in the race something went horrifically wrong. I remember my father, sister and others running frantically onto the track. Bucky's cannon bone had snapped, his leg broken almost clean off. I remember being told we would have to euthanize him right there. It wasn't easy to witness. It hasn't been easy to forget.

And it was on my mind when I heard of the four chuckwagon horses that

died during this year's Calgary Stampede, some from racehorse injuries as common as the one that felled Bucky.

Having grown up in the harness-racing world, I can say with confidence that the vast majority of people involved in equine sports, including the Stampede, treat the animals with utmost care.

And when I spoke to Dr. Wayne Burwash, a Calgary veterinarian with decades of experience who has worked with the Stampede, he told me the event's inspection and monitoring processes have been continually improved and modernized over the years. To him, they're impressively thorough.

Nonetheless, for four horses to die at one Stampede — in one event — is unacceptable. Worse yet, the body count wasn't a wild aberration: 50 horses have died in Stampede

chuckwagon races since 1986, an average of 1.7 per year. No matter how well intentioned and rigorous the various regulating bodies already are, the goal should be zero deaths — and if inspection and monitoring can't be improved, then maybe the rules of competition need to be.

The Vancouver Humane Society has called for the suspension of chuckwagon racing and for a panel of equine professionals to convene and look into possible changes. That could include harsher penalties for those who make risky moves that put horses in danger. (Driver error caused at least one of this year's chuckwagon deaths.) I think this is the right thing to do, provided it isn't treated as a cynical PR stunt.

I love horse racing and would never want to see it shut down. But the fact that at least one horse is statistically likely to die dur-

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ing every year's Stampede chuckwagon event means that more changes are not just possible but urgently necessary.

More can always be done to protect the animals that are so integral to the sport and so loved by those who work with them.

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An assortment of makgeolli, the sparkling Korean rice wine MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OFFBEAT REFRESHER

Hard to say but easier to love, makgeolli is a versatile bubbly

Bubbles are the beverage of the moment, particularly bubbles that aren't Champagne. It's a trend that has folks clamouring for cava and prosecco, but for some reason nobody is talking about makgeolli.

That might have something to do with most people not knowing how to pronounce it, or what it is. But if you like bubbles — and if something lightly sweet and refreshing sounds about right for summer — makgeolli (pronounced MACH-go-lee, though spelled any number of ways) is an offbeat sparkling wine worth getting to know. Not that it will be easy.

Makgeolli is a fermented rice wine from Korea, and you may have to hunt a bit to find it in Canada. Some LCBOs in Ontario sell it, and in other provinces your best bet is at liquor stores located in or near Asian communities.

Koreans have been making makgeolli for centuries; it started as the alcohol of choice among farmers. But in recent decades it has become more fashionable and moved into the cities. Traditionally, it is consumed with fried pancakes made from mung beans and

+ MAKING THE MOST OF MAKGEOLLI

Chilled beverage pairs well

Once you find it, how do you drink it? Chilled, of course. And with fried chicken, Asian take-out, barbecue pork ribs, even burgers and sausages off the grill. Just be sure to gently turn the bottle upside down a few times before opening. Because the wine is unfiltered, sediment will collect at the bottom.

It's also an awesome mixer

Want to get more creative? Makgeolli also makes a great mixer.

- Try it 1:1 with pineapple juice.
- Or get fancy and doctor up that blend with some lime juice and cream of coconut, then pour the whole thing over ice.
- For a frozen version of the same drink, shown at left, toss the pineapple juice, lime juice, cream of coconut and some ice in a blender. Blend until smooth, then stir in makgeolli.
- Or for a shandy-style cooler, try makgeolli cut with lemonade.



consider sparkling wines. Because it is unfiltered, it has a creamy white colour and a slight viscosity. The

flavour is tangy and lightly sweet with lots of citrus in the background. It's meant to be consumed young and packs just six to nine per cent alcohol.

Even the packaging can be a bit disarming. It is almost always sold in plastic soda-style bottles (and, at least in Korea, often alongside sugary beverages). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

pork. It's a pairing that follows the broader culinary wisdom that sparkling wines pair well with fried and fatty foods, the acidity and effervescence helping to cut through the heavy ingredients.

Though it is lightly sparkling, makgeolli bears little resemblance in taste or appearance to what most of us

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"In Europe, they add the powder to smoothies, or add



Oregon State University researchers have patented a new kind of dulse, a red seaweed, that tastes like bacon, and it's sparking foodie innovation all over Portland. CONTRIBUTED

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Dulse 2.0 also grows fast, has a ton of protein and is packed with minerals, vitamins and antioxidants.

flakes onto food," lead researcher Chris Langdon said in a press release. "There has been a lot of interest in using it in a fresh form. But this stuff is pretty amazing. When you fry it, which I have done, it tastes like bacon, not seaweed. And

it's a pretty strong bacon flavor."

The red seaweed that looks like translucent lettuce was first grown as a superfood for abalone, which it was successful at. A producer in Hawaii is churning out abalone faster than the sea snails' usual growth rate thanks to OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center.

But when a business-minded colleague at the university stopped by head researcher Chris Langdon's office, he saw the red algae growing in a tank and suggested developing it for the human market.

That colleague, Chuck Tooms, took the dulse to the university's Food Innovation Center in Portland, where it was made into several foods including a cracker and salad dressing. Several chefs in the city are testing it in their dishes.

Though northern Europeans caught onto the nutritional value of dulse centuries ago, there are no facilities that grow it for human consumption in the U.S. yet. But Tooms' MBA students are already working on a business plan to market it.

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THIRST QUENCHER

Pilsner gets up head of Steam

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Fish is the new taco the town

MEXICAN FLAIR

How to turn hot food trend into party fare

NUTRI-BITES

Theresa Albert

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You can't spit these days without hitting a fish taco; every menu sports one to varying degrees of success. I even saw a version in the freezer section last week. They were called "tacquitos" and were rolled burrito style but their disguise was thin because it was right then that I knew then that the fad had become a trend.

So what are the elements of a good fish taco? And, how can you cash in on the latest party-pleasing hit?

Delivery system

By nature, fish is flimsy and can't be easily lifted to your lips with your fingers once cooked. Soft corn taco shells are the best because they are solid and yet bendable. Soft flour tortillas will suffice but don't add that authentic layer of corn savoury.

Hard corn taco shells will never do: They take over delicate flavours and make one monster of a mess.

Fish filling

White fish works best. Whether you choose to simply pan fry or batter/bread and deep fry/bake, flaky, quick-cooking, low oil fish is a must.

Oregano, garlic, salt and pepper is really all you need because the topping carries the day and the salsa adds the zip.

Topping

Thinly shaved cabbage, green

onion, lettuce and cilantro work well. But keep any dressing light in flavour but thick in texture.

No one wants the drizzle of vinegar down their forearms nor goopy mayo to take on a leading role.

Salsa sauce

Do yourself a favour and experiment. Guacamole keeps it all together but hot sauces rule the roost.

Try putting your favourite tomatillo salsa through a sieve to remove any water and thicken to a spoonable, rather than pourable, highlight.

No matter what, tequila and big wedges of lime shift any lame attempt the trend toward a Mexican fiesta.

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Jon Stewart's final countdown

FAREWELLS

Beloved comedian on home stretch

Jon Stewart enters the final weeks of his 16 years on Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* before he signs off for good on Aug. 6.

Stewart's exit, the latest in a year of upheaval in late-night television, will be felt most acutely over the next

15 months as the U.S. approaches its first presidential election since 1996 without his comic take.

Attesting to Stewart's cultural import, U.S. President Barack Obama was booked for his seventh appearance on the show Tuesday night.

Stewart, who started on *The Daily Show* in 1999, cited restlessness in announcing his exit last February.

During a recent appearance on *The Daily Show*, film director Judd Apatow



Jon Stewart signs off for good on Aug. 6. GETTY IMAGES

said he sensed that feeling even before the announce-

ment when he interviewed Stewart by phone for a just-

“He’s aware that time is winding down. Regret is not there.”

Adam Lowitt, executive producer on *The Daily Show*

released book.

“I think it was that one moment when you were saying, ‘Oh, God, I’m out of gas.

What am I going to do?’” Apatow said to Stewart’s laughter.

When Seth MacFarlane mentioned that he was feeling burned out, Stewart told him, “Let me tell you my solution. Quit.”

An audience member shouted out, “We love you!”

“That’s not love,” Stewart shot back. “Love is taking soup to a sick friend. Love is not saying, ‘Do more shows! Entertain me!’”

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DIVORCE

Affleck kids get a puppy



Ben Affleck. GETTY IMAGES

The latest wrinkle in the Ben Affleck-Jennifer Garner breakup appears to be small, furry and utterly adorable.

Some eager paparazzi spotted Affleck in Georgia this week — where Garner is filming, their three kids along for the trip — cradling the gosh darn cutest golden retriever puppy you ever did see. And Garner herself was spotted over the weekend taking their youngest son to Party City to pick up some balloons with

paw prints on them.

This can only mean one thing: It’s a divorce puppy, weaponized cuteness meant to ease the impact on the kids of the big change. According to *Us Weekly*, the puppy was actually adopted by the family in May, but that still lines up timing-wise.

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IN BRIEF

Co-stars say Sheldon's divorce did him good

The divorce announcement from Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert was certainly a surprise — unless you work on *The Voice*, apparently.

“Blake is in a much better mood this season that he was when he was married to Miranda. Everyone on the show knew that it was just a matter of time,” a source says. NED EHRBAR/METRO

DARK HUMOUR

Apatow does Cosby

Judd Apatow, a self-proclaimed “troll in the corner,” delivered a spot-on Bill Cosby impression on *The Tonight Show*.

Apatow, who apparently also does standup, was paddling his way through a so-so set before landing on a pretty searing Cosby bit. “My wife said to me, ‘What is this in

the paper about the raping and the drugging and the women,’” Apatow said with a well-practised impression.

“And I said, ‘Do you like your life? Do you like the house and the jet? Well then have a cappuccino and shut the floink up.’”

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Crossover gets sleek makeover



REVIEW

High grades for alert response, new design of Nissan Murano

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Whether or not it actually was the “first crossover” when it debuted for 2003, I recall being very impressed with the Nissan Murano when I first got behind its wheel back then. And I like it just as much now, as it debuts as an all-new, third-generation model for 2015.

The styling is considerably different, with sharp creases and blacked-out rear window surround that Nissan says gives the impression that the roof is “floating” atop the glass (and perhaps it does, from a distance anyway, although I really have no qualms about a roof looking like it’s firmly attached). I like this new design, and visibility is good in spite of the sharp kick-up behind the rear doors. It’s also slightly longer and wider than the outgoing version, as well as a bit lower.

Power comes from a 3.5-litre V6 engine that makes 260 horsepower. It’s mated to a continuously variable trans-

mission (CVT), an automatic unit that uses a belt and pulleys instead of gears for improved fuel economy. These can sometimes feel a bit “rubbery” as they adjust to the engine’s speed, but Nissan has tuned this one so well that all you notice is how smoothly the engine and transmission work together.

The Murano comes in front-wheel drive, starting at \$29,998. It’s also available in all-wheel drive, beginning at \$35,998, while I drove the top-line Platinum AWD at \$43,498. That felt pricey, but this trim line exclusively includes such features as LED headlights, heated and cooled front seats, and heated rear seats. The Platinum model also adds

intelligent cruise control that adjusts its speed to the vehicle in front, hits the brakes to avoid collisions if the driver doesn’t, and “watches” two cars in front for potential problems.

Get behind the wheel, and while it’s certainly no sports car, the Murano is a truly decent driver, with light but communicative steering, and a smooth ride. You never forget how big it is, but it’s never cumbersome thanks to its quick but controlled response. More than a decade after it first hit the market, I still put the Murano among the top in the midsize crossover segment.

“You never forget how big it is, but it’s never cumbersome.”

THE CHECKLIST 2015 NISSAN MURANO

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger midsize crossover/SUV.
Engine (hp). 3.5-litre V6 (260)
Transmission. Continuously variable (CVT)
Price. Base \$29,998, as-tested \$43,498 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Standard navigation and mobile apps
- Dual-zone automatic climate control
- Proximity key with push-button start
- Available dual-pane panoramic sunroof
- Available LED headlights
- Available power liftgate
- Available blind spot warning and moving objects detection



POINTS

- The Murano features “zero gravity” seats, which stay comfortable and supportive even on long drives.
- All models include a backup camera, while the SL and Platinum add a 360-degree version with simulated overhead view.
- By using more lightweight materials, Nissan has reduced the Murano’s weight by approximately 65 kilograms, which in turn helps to improve fuel economy.
- The folding rear seats have a power-up feature on the Platinum trim.

MARKET POSITION

The 2015 is the first Murano built in the U.S. Although the compact Nissan Rogue sells far more models in Canada, the Murano is an important vehicle for the company and the remake should keep it high on the list.

THE COMPETITION



Ford Edge
Base price: \$31,999



Toyota Venza
Base price: \$29,930



Chevrolet Equinox
Base price: \$26,405

MARKET PERFORMANCE

Ford loses ground at mid-point of 2015 sales race

AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz



The end of June is officially “half-time” for the Canadian car and truck sales market — a great time to take a look at who’s hot and who’s not, see how the overall market is shaking up, and to rehydrate on the sidelines with various overly hyped sports drinks and/or watermelon.

The overall market is up slightly (2.6 per cent) when

compared to last year’s first half.

Ford was Canada’s top-selling automaker last year, but right now it’s in second place behind Chrysler.

The ground that Ford lost seems to be have taken up by GM, Toyota, Nissan and Volkswagen, all of whom are having great sales successes so far in 2015.

Top sellers

When it comes to individual nameplates, the usual suspects are once again leading the pack: the full-size pickups from Ford, Ram and GM, the Honda Civic

and Toyota Corolla compact sedans, and the Ford Escape and RAV4 compact crossovers.

Nameplates that had a particularly great first half of 2015 include Nissan Rogue (up 21.7 per cent compared to last year), Toyota RAV4 (up 26.4 per cent), Jeep Cherokee (up 30.8 per cent), Kia Soul (up 46.1 per cent) and Volkswagen Golf (up 300 per cent).

Declining numbers

High-volume nameplates that seem to be going the other way include Ford Fusion, Honda Ac-



Jeep Cherokee is one of several compact crossovers on pace to have a great sales year in 2015. HANDOUT

cord, Dodge Dart and Hyundai Elantra.

Their sales slides probably have more to do with the cross-

overs of every shape and price point continuing to win more and more buyers than any declining goodness of those fine

passenger cars.

Fiat is also experiencing some sales pain. Even with a few new models in the mix, they are selling at a pace that is down 34 per cent compared to the same six months of 2014.

Minivans are also in a dogfight with those crossovers, and their sales numbers are declining, but Canadians still love those big utility beasts and buy lots of them.

And as that wise sage Yogi Berra once opined, “It ain’t over till it’s over.” And the 2015 sales year ain’t over yet — it’s just halftime. Play on!

Chrysler 200 a roomy ride

USED VEHICLE

Be mindful of transmission in 2011-2014 models

The Chrysler 200 Convertible sought to provide Canadian shoppers with affordable access to a family-ready convertible motoring experience. Copies are available for very reasonable money in the used car market, and as this machine is built on a family-sedan platform, it's got plenty of space for top-down family cruising.

Look for feature content including Bluetooth, heated power seats, numerous convertible roof options, navigation, a Boston Acoustics stereo system and more. A top-line Chrysler 200 Convertible "S" model value-bundled numerous must-have features and cosmetic upgrades.

The test drive

Drive the 200 Convertible with an eye for any clumsiness and harshness from the transmission, which may indicate problems with the programming of the computer that controls it. Usually, updated software fixes the issue. If you provide your local Chrysler dealer with the VIN number of the model you're considering, they'll be able to tell you if the updated transmission software has been uploaded into the gearbox of the car you're considering.

Next, check out the climate control system. Be sure the air

conditioner works, and then check to make sure that you get heat out of the vents on both sides of the cabin when called upon. Clogged or leaky heater cores may be a potential issue on a used Chrysler 200, which could negatively affect the ability to deliver heat in colder months. Other signs of trouble here may include low coolant levels, or the smell of coolant in the car. It's a sort of sugary, sweet, slightly burned smell. Look for it with your nose.

Finally, if your potential used 200 candidate makes a clicking, popping or thumping noise while you steer at

“
it's got plenty of space for top-down family cruising.”

low speeds, or while stopped, the tie rods may need to be replaced. Visit a mechanic for further investigation.

Run the powered roof through its paces several times, noting any error messages displayed in the instrument cluster, and being on the lookout for signs of strain or binding. Inspect the top for signs of abrasion or rubbing, which could indicate an issue. Ensure all rubber seals are plump, intact and free of damage, and thoroughly inspect the floor of the cabin and trunk for signs of moisture, which could indicate a leak.

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Engines

Look for four- or six-cylinder power, from a 2.4-litre engine, or a 3.6-litre engine, respectively. With horsepower approaching the 300 mark and decent fuel mileage, the six-cylinder engine is ideal for the driving enthusiast. All models got an automatic transmission.

What owners like

Owners report satisfaction with overall value, styling, a classy cabin, and decent-for-a-convertible trunk space with the roof up. The premium stereo system and comfortable seats are highly rated as well.

What owners dislike

Some owners wish for higher performance from the four-cylinder engine, and complain about limited trunk space when the convertible top is folded into the trunk.

The verdict

A used Chrysler 200 with a thumbs-up from a Chrysler mechanic after a pre-purchase inspection should prove an affordable and comfortable way to access a family convertible motoring experience.

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A smarter headlight for safer driving

TECHNOLOGY

Ford's new camera-based system knows where to shine

Ford is developing a new headlight technology that can illuminate individual hazards and obstacles and that uses GPS co-ordinates to better il-

luminate the road ahead.

Like all leading automakers, Ford already offers adaptive headlight technology on its cars that automatically dips so as not to dazzle oncoming cars and which can shine "around" cars in front for a clearer view of the road ahead.

However, the new camera-based system will take things up a notch. For example, the existing system can direct a headlight beam based on the

steering wheel's movements, but the next-generation system will use GPS so it will know there is a bend or a junction and illuminate it before the driver has reacted.

And when no GPS data is available, the system uses a further camera mounted in the rearview mirror to understand the undulations of the road and save them to memory so that the next time the car is travelling along the same

route, the headlights already know where to shine.

"Camera-Based Advanced Front Lighting can help make it easier for the driver to travel at night in unfamiliar surroundings, and to more easily see unexpected hazards," said Michael Koherr, research engineer for lighting systems with Ford of Europe.

"At roundabouts, for example, our system helps the driver to clearly see the exits

— and check if cyclists and pedestrians are crossing the road."

Ford expects this feature to be ready "in the near term" but it is also working on a complementary infrared guided spotlighting

120m

Spot Lighting is designed to monitor the road ahead and the areas parallel to it at distances of up to 120 metres in search of potential obstacles or hazards.

system that is just moving into the pre-development phase.

"Spot Lighting makes potential hazards in the road ahead more easily visible to the driver — whether that is a pedestrian, a cyclist, or even a large animal," said Koherr. AFP

CLASSIC RIDE

McQueen supercar heads to auction



Steve McQueen's 1976 Porsche 911 (930) Turbo Carrera.

DAVID NEHWART/COURTESY MECUM AUCTIONS

When an immaculately preserved first-generation Porsche 911 Turbo comes up for auction, it's only right to expect a little frisson of excitement among the classic Porsche collecting community.

However, when that car once belonged to none other than Steve McQueen, those excitement levels have been known to go off the charts.

And that's exactly what auctioneers Mecum are anticipating when McQueen's 1976 Porsche 911 (930) Turbo Carrera goes under the hammer on August 13-15 as part of the Mecum Daytime Auction in Monterey, Calif.

The McQueen factor, as it's known in auction house circles, is something unquantifiable. If the iconic Hollywood star owned it, came into contact with it or endorsed it, its value can rocket. Such is the aura that surrounds

the man and his mythology. For example, TAG Heuer reissued the "Monaco" chronograph because McQueen sports one in the publicity poster for his 1971 passion project film, *Le Mans*.

But McQueen was as consummate a racing driver and mechanic as he was a leading man, and what makes this particular piece of memorabilia so important is that it was the final car he ordered, specified and customized before his untimely death, aged 50 due to complications from mesothelioma cancer.

"This car is rich in history," said McQueen's son Chad. "This is the last of the McQueen cars, really. That's known. That's real."


The car was specified with dual side mirrors — believe it or not, a very unusual request in the 1970s — a sunroof and a limited-slip differential for better cornering grip and control at the limits. The star understood what happens when a rear-engined car is fitted with a turbocharger. However, he also had a couple of other special features added.

"My dad had little things done to it," Chad says. "Like on the dashboard, he had a switch put on so it would kill the rear lights in case he was being chased on Mulholland Drive."

This fear of being caught by the cops while on a nighttime cruise also goes to explain why he specified overtaking mirrors for both sides of the car. AFP


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The Boys Republic — a reform school in Chino Hills, Calif., that bad-boy-turned-good McQueen credited with turning his life around — will receive a portion of the sale price when the car goes under the hammer. While there is no official estimate given for this car, it is being speculated that it could fetch about \$1.5 million.



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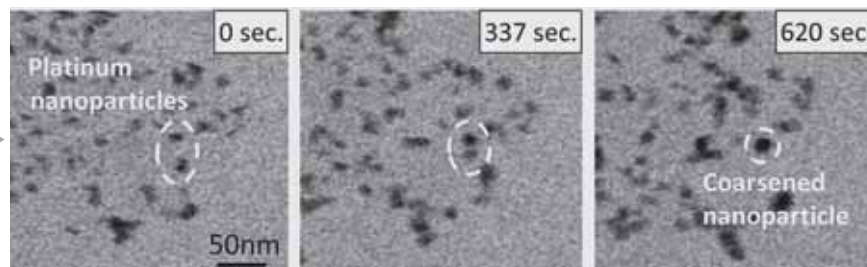


THE GREEN ANGLE

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Toyota moves toward better fuel-cell reactions

Toyota has announced a breakthrough in the real-time observation of fuel-cell catalyst degradation that could lead to a new generation of more efficient and durable fuel-cell stacks. A new technique allows researchers to monitor the behaviour of nanometer-sized platinum particles during chemical reactions in fuel cells, in which platinum nanoparticles “coarsen” reducing their effectiveness over time.



VW shows off sporty design

Plug-in hybrid power is at the core of Volkswagen's 2.0 litres/100 km, 155-mph Sport Coupé Concept GTE. The car is aimed at upwardly mobile buyers who seek performance and environmental responsibility. The "Grand Touring Electric" is a dramatically styled fastback concept that uses a turbocharged 3.0-litre V6 engine making 295 horsepower and 369 pound-feet of torque. It can be driven on electricity for about 50 kilometres.



Outlander PHEV backs up homes

Mitsubishi's Outlander PHEV plug-in hybrid tall wagon has been approved for vehicle-to-home (V2H) power usage in Japan. In the event of an electrical outage, Outlander PHEV owners in Japan will be able to power their homes using the vehicle as its sole source. While other manufacturers have developed vehicle-to-home power technology, the Outlander PHEV is the first plug-in hybrid electric vehicle to actually offer that capability.

New synthetic gasoline burns cleaner

Audi has developed synthetic natural gas and synthetic diesel. Now, reports MotorAuthority, Audi has developed a synthetic gasoline that it calls e-benzin. The process begins by fermenting corn-derived glucose to produce isobutene, which

is introduced to hydrogen, transforming it into isooc-tane, the key component in gasoline that can be used to power a vehicle, and the standard from which the octane rating system was derived. In its pure form, it would be labelled Unleaded 100. Containing no sulphur or benzene, "it burns very cleanly."

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PAN AM 2015

Barber wins pole vault, Gleadle victor in javelin

Canada's track and field team got off to an impressive start Tuesday as the host country's gold-medal streak at the 2015 Pan American Games continued.

Toronto's Shawnacy Barber equalled a Pan Am record, clearing 5.80 metres to win gold in men's pole vault and Vancouver's Elizabeth Gleadle won gold in women's javelin with a throw of 62.83 metres on her sixth and final attempt.

"I'm having a really phenomenal year for me, I'm hitting the marks that I dreamed of," Barber said.

Barber took the bar all the way up to 5.93 metres, which would have been a record for him and Canada. But, on Tuesday, it was just a height too far.

"Maybe next time," said the 21-year-old, who lives and trains in the U.S. "After you're done and you can go home happy, at that point, it's hard to keep the momentum, especially with a really stressful meet like this."

But he had to try. "Anything to one-up myself a little bit," he said, with a smile. That's all Barber really can do in Canada.

He's broken the Canadian pole vault record so many times he doesn't keep count anymore. In May, he brought it up to 5.91



Elizabeth Gleadle, left, won the women's javelin on her final throw, while Shawnacy Barber won gold by clearing the bar at 5.80 metres in the men's pole vault. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS; STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



metres, where it still stands.

Argentina's German Chiaraviglio won the Pan Am silver medal with a 5.75-metre jump, and Americans Jake Blankenship and Mark Hollis tied for bronze at 5.40 metres.

In the javelin, Gleadle was trailing American Kara Winger when she stepped up to take her final throw, clapping her hands to get the crowd going.

“My only goal is to keep pushing it up higher. Shawnacy Barber

"I was thinking 'Oh no, I'd better get it together,'" Gleadle said. "I was standing there and I thought to myself 'I bet the Canadian anthem would sound a whole lot better from the podium if I was on it,' so that inspired me to throw better."

The 26-year-old has four national championships to her name, and became the first woman in her discipline to represent Canada at the Olympics since 1988 when she placed 12th in London three years ago. She's also set new Canadian records

four times, most recently in May when she fired the javelin 64.84 metres.

Gleadle said she doubts ahead of the Pan Am Games after missing the 2013 season with a back injury.

"I guess everybody was rooting for me to pull through and I wanted to put on a show and I guess I did," she said.

Winger won silver with a

61.44-metre toss while Brazil's Jucilene De Lima took bronze at 60.42. Melissa Fraser of Hillsburgh, Ont., finished seventh.

Elsewhere, Canada's women's and men's table tennis teams each came away with a bronze medal. The men lost their semi-final match 3-0 to Brazil while the women fell 3-0 to the United States. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CANUCKS WIN GOLD, SILVER IN STEEPLECHASE

Matt Hughes of Oshawa, Ont., jumps over a hurdle during the men's 3,000-metre steeplechase final at the Pan Am Games in Toronto, Tuesday evening. Hughes won the gold medal in a time of 8:32.18, while Alex Genest of Shawinigan, Que., took silver. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

De Grasse takes centre stage

It was just a heat, but all eyes were on Andre De Grasse on Tuesday.

Every time the 20-year-old from Markham, Ont., steps on the track, people wonder if he's about to break 100-metre Canadian record.

DeGrasse was first spotted at a high school track meet — running in basketball shorts — just three years ago and he's already the first Canadian since Donovan Bailey in 2000 to run a sub-10 second 100.

Earlier this month, at nationals in Edmonton, he lowered his personal best to 9.95 seconds and became the first

+ FAST TIMES

Four sprinters posted faster times than De Grasse on Tuesday:

- Keston Bledman, Trinidad and Tobago, 9.95
- Remontay McClain, USA, 9.99
- BeeJay Lee, USA, 9.99
- Ramon Gittens, Barbados, 10.03

sprinter of any nationality to run a sub-10 on Canadian soil in a decade and a half.

It seems inevitable that be-

fore long, he'll take the Canadian record of 9.84 co-held by Bailey and Bruny Surin.

But that's not the sort of speed he needed to advance in the heats on Tuesday at the Pan Ams, as De Grasse won his heat in a 10.06 time to advance to Wednesday's semifinal.

Canada's other 100-metre hopeful, Gavin Smellie, was disqualified for a false start in another heat. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Andre De Grasse won his heat in a time of 10.06 on Tuesday.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



IN BRIEF

NHL announces expansion hopefuls

The NHL is one step closer to establishing expansion teams in Las Vegas and Quebec City.

The league announced Tuesday it has received applications from prospective ownership groups in both markets, a day after a deadline for submissions.

The Las Vegas bid was submitted by billionaire businessman Bill Foley, who has spent the past seven months exploring the level of interest for professional hockey in the community. Montreal-based Quebecor, a Canadian media and telecommunications giant, submitted the bid for Quebec City.

There are at least two more steps in the expansion process, and the bids require approval from the NHL's Board of Governors.

The NHL doesn't anticipate adding teams before the 2017-18 season. The proposed expansion fee is at least \$500 million.

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U.S. authorities end prosecution of Barry Bonds

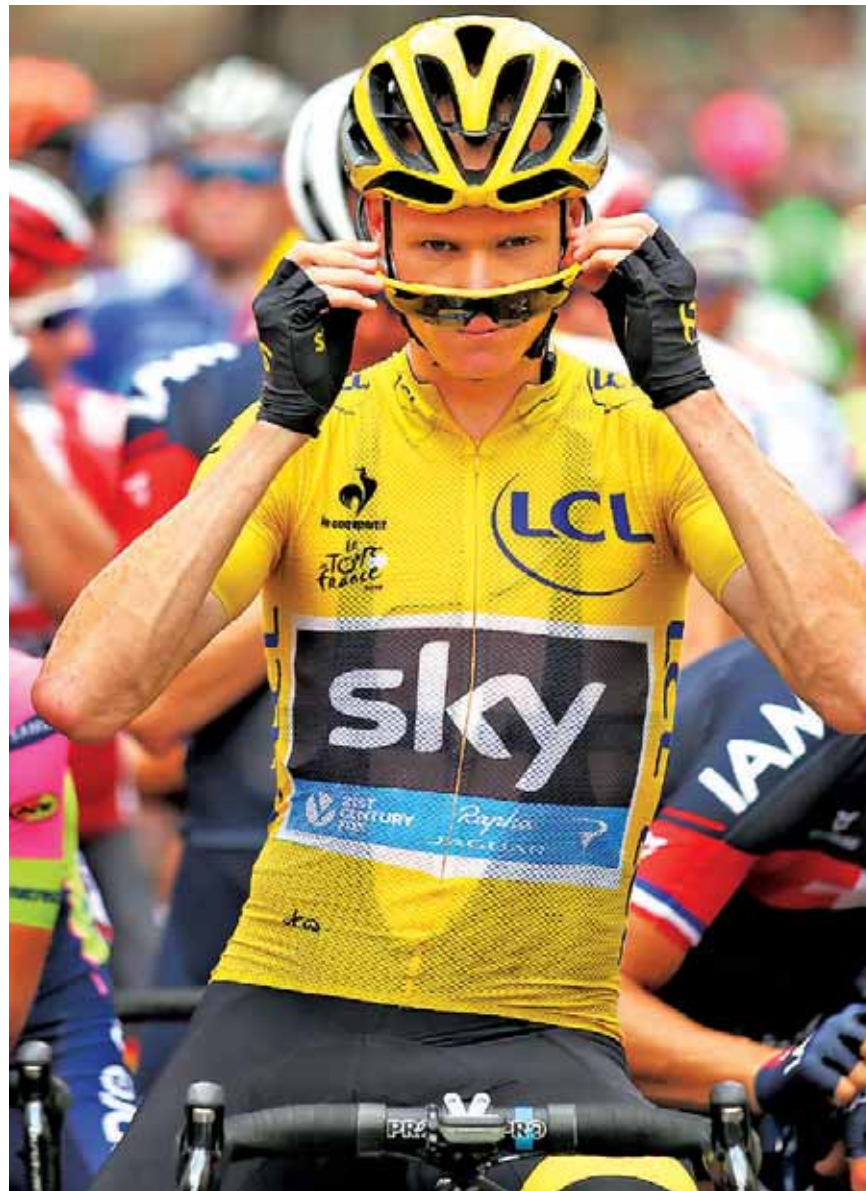
The U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday formally dropped its criminal prosecution of Barry Bonds, Major League Baseball's career home run leader.

The decade-long investigation and prosecution of Bonds for obstruction of justice ended quietly with the DOJ's one-paragraph court filing announcing it would not ask the U.S. Supreme Court to consider a lower court's reversal of his felony conviction.

A jury convicted Bonds in 2011 of obstruction of justice for giving a meandering answer to a federal grand jury when asked about injections. A federal appeals court overturned that conviction in April.

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Froome trying to be as 'transparent as possible'



Chris Froome resumes the Tour de France on Wednesday with a three minute-plus lead on his nearest competitor. BRYN LENNON/GETTY IMAGES

TOUR DE FRANCE

Team Sky releases race data amidst allegations

The team of Tour de France leader Chris Froome bowed to pressure Tuesday and released data about his riding power, heart rate and pedalling rhythm, hoping to quell speculation about doping ahead of an increasingly likely victory in Paris.

On the Tour's second rest day, Team Sky presented the figures after comments on French TV raised questions about Froome's performance and created more speculation about his speed on the way to victory in Stage 10.

With a three minute, 10 second lead on his closest rival, Froome said he's in "a great place" as the race resumes Wednesday with Stage 17's 161-kilometre jaunt.

"The third week of the Tour is always unpredictable. You never know how anyone is going to respond," said American rider Tejay van Garderen, the BMC team leader who is third overall.

Froome, a Kenya-born Briton, said his team want to address doubts about Sky's performances with the release of his rider data.

"I'm not sure if numbers are going to fix everything, but certainly I feel as a team and myself, we're definitely trying to be as open and transparent as possible," he said.

Sky performance analyst Tim Kerrison presented figures including Froome's power output, cadence and heart rate on the climb to the Stage 10 finish.

The figures showed the rider's ability to generate vast amounts of power, hitting a top speed of 27.7 kph going uphill.

Kerrison said Froome produced 414 watts and a pedal cadence of 97 revolutions per minute on average on the climb. Froome's heart rate hit 174 beats per minute, the highest rate that the team has tallied from him in any recent Grand Tour race.

Last week, France-2 ran a report quoting a doctor, Pierre Sallet, who it said works with statisticians for race organizer ASO, analyzing Tour riders' performances. ASO says that is only partly true: It says Sallet's team does give them data about the race itself, providing such details as where riders are on the road in relation to each other. But

ASO says Sallet doesn't analyze rider's physiological data.

In the TV report, Sallet cited what he called "a reliable mathematical model" for his calculation that Froome had a maximum

aerobic power of 500 watts on the climb, and could generate 7.04 watts per kilogram of body weight. By his count, Kerrison said Froome had produced 5.78 watts per kilogram on average on the climb.

"All athletes we've seen above 7 watts per kilo in the past were athletes who were caught in doping affairs," said Sallet, adding that Froome "must give us information about his physiological profile for his performance to become credible."

Sky's Kerrison said the "margin of error" was too great to allow for an accurate assessment of Froome's physiological profile from the Stage 10 climb results alone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I think it's very unfair for him to have to deal with all the scrutiny."

Cyclist Tejay van Garderen on Chris Froome

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RECIPE Fresh Salmon Burgers with Avocado Mash



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Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 6 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 lb boneless skinless salmon fillet, cut into 1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup panko crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 avocado (ripe) mashed
- 2 tsp lemon juice and salt
- 1/2 cup arugula leaves
- 8 sliced tomatoes
- 4 large hamburger buns

Directions

1. To make the burgers: In a food

processor, process salmon, egg, panko, cilantro, green onions and garlic coarsely by turning processor on and off. Do not purée. Mixture will be loose. Form into four patties.

2. Either on a barbecue or a non-stick grill pan sprayed with cooking spray, grill the burgers until medium done, about 3 minutes per side on medium heat. Do not overcook.

3. Divide arugula and tomato slices on bottom bun. Top with the burgers and avocado mash. Top with bun.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 460
- Protein 31 g
- Carbohydrates 38 g
- Fibre 10 g
- Total fat 22 g
- Saturated fat 4 g
- Cholesterol 55 mg
- Sodium 240 mg

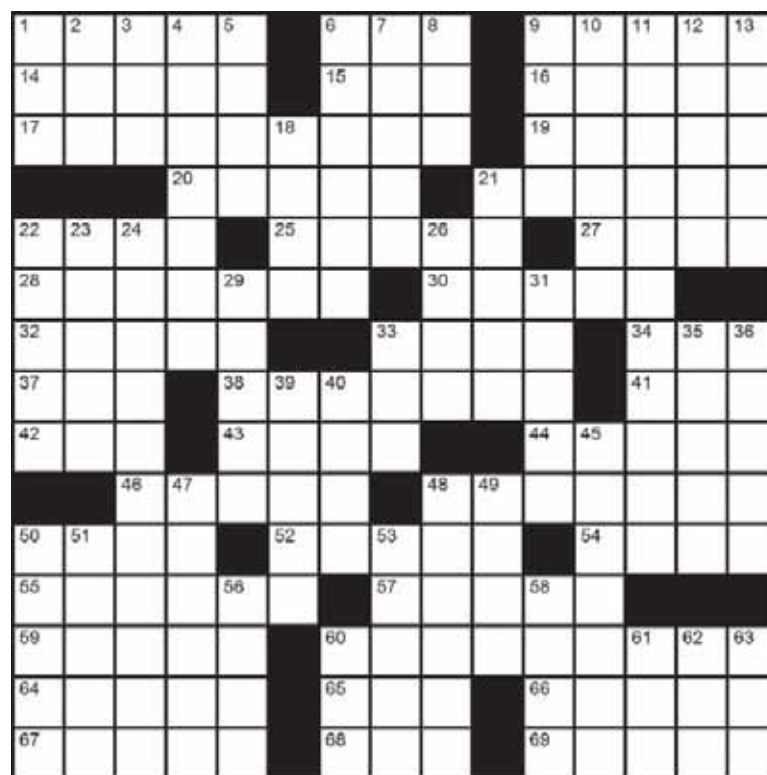
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Port-au-Prince's locale
6. Sheep's call
9. Taken-back vehicles
14. Brit singer Lily
15. ___ and downs
16. Comic strip dog that wears a Viking helmet
17. You roll the dice, then I'll roll the dice, and so on...: 2 wds.
19. Alias for Patty Hearst in the SLA
20. English metaphysical poet, John ___ (b.1572 - d.1631)
21. Gordon ___ (Rocker Sting's birth name)
22. Teddy Bears tune: "To Know Him ___ Love Him"
25. Discontinue
27. Popeye's sweetie Olive, and others
28. Preoccupation amongst street gangs: 2 wds.
30. Laboratory dish
32. "Have ___ journey!" (Well-wisher's exclamation)
33. Max ___ Jr. of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
34. Purring pet
37. NBAer Jeremy
38. Quandary
41. Ratite bird
42. WKRP employee
43. Aerosmith's "Love ___ Elevator"
44. Nutty pie
46. Rush lead singer Mr. Lee
48. Variety of long-grain rice



50. In that case
52. The British ___
54. Legendary
55. Operate
57. Fragrant oil from flowers
59. ___ course (Soon enough)
60. Shopping mall's moving staircase

64. Movie-___ (Film attendees)
65. Letters for Prince Albert of Monaco
66. The ___ (Area of Ottawa)
67. Root beer brand
68. Extinct bird
69. Improvise

DOWN

1. Brim locale
2. Birmingham's state, briefly
3. Type
4. Really annoyed: 2 wds.
5. Keen on
6. Stove part
7. Sleep problem

8. 1995 Tom Cochrane album: 'Ragged ___ Road'
9. After-Q queue
10. Captivate
11. Glacial mass worth a cent in Nunavut?: 3 wds.
12. Bay window
13. Hollywood Walk

- of Fame symbols
18. Donald Duck, to his nephews
21. "Now you ___ '___, now you don't!" (Disappearing act exclamation)
22. Mr. Know-___
23. "Wake Up Little ___" by The Everly Brothers
24. 'T' of LGBT
26. E-Mail advertising
29. Songbook standard: "The Things ___ Last Summer"
31. Immobilizes
33. Mr. Affleck
35. Famous family of violin makers
36. Ancient Rome garb
39. Rock music genre
40. Potato chips brand
45. Green gemstone
47. Withstand
48. "You ___!" (That's right!)
49. 'Thin Man' pooch
50. Leg part
51. Vietnam's capital city
53. Old West prop
56. Fewer
58. Aquatic organism
60. Erica of classic MuchMusic
61. ___ Aviv, Israel
62. ___-Wan Kenobi
63. Aussie comic actress Ms. Wilson, to pals

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
No matter how many times you may have ignored reality in the past, you won't be able to today. If there is something wrong with a relationship you must sort it out now. Tomorrow may be too late.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Don't worry if you failed to live up to an ideal. At least you have ideals, which is more than most people can claim. Keep plugging away and you'll make the breakthrough you've been dreaming about.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you must take risks at least make them ones that won't cost you. The planets warn it might be wiser to keep your money in your pocket.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Mercury, planet of the mind, leaves your sign tomorrow, so get your plans in order over the next few hours. Consider how much they are going to cost you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your doubts and fears will disappear when the sun and Mercury move into your sign tomorrow. Today make sure that you have tied up all loose ends. Things left undone cause trouble.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Some of your ideas may seem a bit far-fetched but don't let that stop you. What matters is that you believe in what you are doing. Trust your instincts.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are in a rebellious mood. Whatever others say you take the opposite view, simply because it is fun to do so. Just make sure you don't annoy someone whose support you need.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will no longer have any doubts about what it is you should be doing. Think strategically but be flexible. The more you adapt the more you succeed.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There is no need to feel guilty about what it is you desire. It may not be what others enjoy but that does not mean it is wrong. What a boring world this would be if we were all exactly the same!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There is a danger you will ignore warning signs and put yourself in a position where you can be taken advantage of. You want to believe that someone is telling you the truth but deep down you know they are not.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will find it much easier to put your thoughts into words when Mercury moves into your opposite sign tomorrow. In all relationships your head must rule your heart.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may think that your latest big idea is practical but it seems not everyone agrees. Find out why they are less than enthusiastic.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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